

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

DMHS Report

If anything was needed to demonstrate the disturbing inadequacy of the Colony's hospital and sanatoria facilities, the 1953-54 report of the Director of Medical and Health Services, issued this week, provides it.

For consider these extracts from the report: In the maternity hospitals, and the maternity wards of the general hospitals, the shortage of accommodation continued to be a problem. It was only possible to retain patients in the available maternity beds for an average of three days. And again: No substantial improvement was effected in general environmental sanitation and it was therefore to be expected that enteric fever and the dysenteries were very prevalent... the infectious disease hospitals were barely capable of dealing with the situation. And on TB, there appears this: The number of beds in the Colony for the treatment of tuberculosis is insufficient and the tuberculosis service had to resort to out-patient treatment by means of chemotherapy on as large a scale as possible.

There is also a somewhat alarming reference to the wastage of graduated nurses, with the observation that unless this wastage can be prevented "it is going to be very difficult to provide the levelling of trained nurses which will be essential for staffing the proposed new Kowloon Hospital or to staff other departmental institutions which have been planned."

ADMITTEDLY the facts and statistics contained in the report are nearly a year old, and between the time of the report's preparation and its publication, the situation, to some extent, has conceivably changed. Nevertheless, the general picture remains a pretty grim one, and certainly cannot be regarded with any sense of complacency or indifference. The problem of losing the services of nurses after they have been trained will probably correct itself with the introduction of new salaries and other revisions in terms of employment. The cause of the wastage having been found, the remedy is simple enough.

Much more complicated is the problem of providing sufficient accommodation for patients. The promised new Kowloon Hospital cannot materialise for some time, while expansion in other types of medical institutions must of necessity be piecemeal and slow. With this acknowledged no startling improvement in the situation can be expected, and only a revision of the priority list of proposed new public works could usefully accelerate the required expansion of our hospital and clinical facilities. In the light of the current DMHS report, Government might feel such a study worth while.

Are Gentlemen Dying Out?

In this supersonic age when the popular philosophy seems to be "Live for today — and yourself", the old concept of a gentleman is dying out — so the older generation tell us.

Tomorrow the China Mail presents, not a homily by a moralist, but an investigation by a Fleet Street journalist who asks four famous London hostesses this pertinent question: Are there no Gentlemen Any More?

Read his findings in tomorrow's Mail. It is just one of a number of the latest and best features telling you about life in the four corners — presented for your reading in the big 20-page family favourite week-end newspaper, the China Mail.

From the Red Sea: Jean Foucher Cretaux takes you for a swim in the sea depths among the barracudas in a search for pearls.

From Florida: Hugh Dundas accompanies Jane Russell to the world's first underwater film premiere.

From Madrid: Sefton Delmer reports on what happens when bulldozers meet Minamo.

There is another world's strangest story, and another exciting episode taken from the files of Interpol on International crime, as well as your regular favourites... all in tomorrow's Mail.

FELT HATS DISPUTE: HK VINDICATED

No Re-Export Of Japanese Products Admits Official

No Passports For
Relatives Of
Red-Held Americans
STATE DEPT DECISION

Washington, Jan. 28.

The State Department today notified the relatives of 17 Americans imprisoned in China that it had reached the "reluctant conclusion" that it could not permit them to visit the prisoners.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, in an identical letter to all the relatives, said that it would be "imprudent" for the time being to issue passports for travel to Communist China to any American.

The State Department released the text of the letter to the relatives of 17 imprisoned Americans—15 airmen and two civilian employees of the Army. Mr. Dulles wrote that the Chinese Communists could best demonstrate their concern for the relatives' case of mind "only by releasing those they hold."

"The increasingly belligerent attitude and actions of the Chinese Communists have forced the Government to the reluctant conclusion that it would be imprudent for the time being to issue passports valid for travel to Communist China to any American."

The Chinese offer to permit visits by relatives was made through Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who recently flew to China to seek the prisoners' release. The Chinese have imprisoned the men as "spies."

Mr. Dulles said that to permit the relatives to go to China might give China further opportunity to "provoke our nation and strain its patience further."

Mr. Henry Stuydam, State Department officer, who previously had said the department had received three requests for information on how to apply for a passport to China, declined today to say whether any more had come in from relatives.

No passport has been validated for travel to China since the Communists took over in 1949.

TEXT OF LETTER

The text of Mr. Dulles' letter follows:

"I want to express to you the deep personal sympathy and concern of your government in the cruel dilemma which the Chinese Communists have forced upon you through the continued illegal imprisonment of your (husband, son, brother etc.)"

"Public opinion throughout the Free World will judge the words and deeds of those who have it within their power to end promptly the tragic grief which they have visited upon you. Only by releasing those they hold can the Chinese Communists convincingly demonstrate concern for the human suffering they have caused."

"The increasingly belligerent attitude and actions of the Chinese Communists in recent days have forced this government to the reluctant conclusion that it would be imprudent for the time being to issue passports

valid for travel to China to any American citizens. This decision is made only after careful deliberation and in the belief that it is in the best interests of our nation."

"In the interest of peace we do not think it prudent to afford to the Chinese Communists further opportunities to provoke our nation and strain its patience further."

HOPE CHERISHED

"Knowing the anxiety to which you have been subjected we cherish the hope that the unrelenting efforts to which the United Nations has dedicated itself will secure the release of the imprisoned United States military personnel. If the United Nations efforts should be unavailing we shall renew our own efforts."

"With admiration for the fortitude which you have manifested and with my warm personal sympathy."

"Sincerely yours,"

"John Foster Dulles."

At the United Nations today, officials said they had "no comment" on the State Department announcement.—Reuter.

That Resolution

US SENATE
OPPOSITION

Washington, Jan. 27.

A spirited Senate debate took place this afternoon on the resolution authorising President Eisenhower to use American armed forces necessary to protect Formosa and the Pescadores against Communist invasion.

Senator Wayne Morse (Republican of Oregon), one of the leading opponents of the resolution, charged that it tacitly gave the President the right to declare preventive war.

Senator Walter George (Democrat of Georgia), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that the talk that the US was engaging in preventive war served the purposes of "Communist propaganda."

SECRET TESTIMONY

Mr. Morse told journalists, "I tell the American people on my word of honour that if it were possible to make available to them the secret testimony of the Secretary of State and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that testimony would prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that it was contemplated by the Administration that the resolution would authorise in advance the right of the President to order a strike against the mainland before any act of war had been committed against the United States."

Senator George said the United States would be the "laughing stock of mankind" if we said we would not intervene until we see the enemy actually putting its foot on the shores of Formosa.

He said, "We have got to act in time to stop the invasion of those islands."

Senators Ralph Flanders (Republican of Vermont) and William Langer (Republican of North Dakota) also expressed opposition to the resolution.

Senators Alexander Smith (Republican of New Jersey) and Francis Case (Republican of South Dakota) spoke in support of the resolution.—France Press.

MANUFACTURERS
GIVEN FALSE
INFORMATION

OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Jan. 27

Mr J. J. McNulty, Secretary of the British Felt Hat Manufacturers Federation, is now convinced that all felt hats exported from Hongkong are in fact made in the Colony.

"I no longer believe these hats are made in Japan and simply re-exported from Hongkong," he said tonight. "I shall go back and put the true facts before the members of my Federation."

Mr McNulty made this statement after a meeting today with Mr E. G. A. Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government London Office. He was given a report on the Colony's hat industry specially prepared by the Hongkong Department of Commerce and Industry.

"From this it appears Hongkong has 22 hat factories," said Mr McNulty. "We had no idea there were so many. Our suggestion that Hongkong could not possibly make all the felt hats that appear in the export figures, and must therefore be re-exporting Japanese products, was based on our information that there were only five or six hat factories in the Colony."

Evacuation
Of Tachen
Is. Plans
Completed

Washington, Jan. 28.

Plans for the evacuation of 20,000 Chinese Nationalist troops from Communist-threatened Tachen Islands were reported by Defence Department officials today to have been completed by the Far East naval chiefs.

Final orders have now been sent to Vice-Admiral Pride, Commander of the United States Seventh Fleet, whose ships and carrier-based planes will protect an armada of Nationalist junks and amphibious craft carrying out the operation.

A decision on the actual start of the evacuation probably would be left to the Chinese Nationalist authorities on Formosa, officials said.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

This statement threw no light on conflicting reports that the operation would begin:

1. Almost immediately; or
2. After the United States Congress had finally approved a resolution giving President Eisenhower authority to use sea and air power to defend Formosa and the neighbouring Pescadores against Communist attack.

Indications in the Senate last night were that the final vote might be delayed until early next week.

Officials said it was expected that the Nationalist navy would be able to take on the troops, who would then be escorted by the Seventh Fleet to the major Nationalist outposts.

The sea forces of Chiang Kai-shek believed to be available for the operation include seven or eight destroyers, 18 minesweepers, small freighters and junks and numerous patrol craft.

There was no reasonable doubt here that the Seventh Fleet could effectively control both the sea and air off the China coast against any known Communist opposition.

Protecting the Nationalist forces officials pointed out would be the powerful units of the Seventh Fleet as well as two squadrons of 56 submarines which arrived on Formosa from the Philippines and Okinawa yesterday.—Reuter.

Miller
Has Slight
Injury

Adelaide, Jan. 27.

Keith Miller, Australia's allrounder, cut his hand slightly during net practice here today. "It is nothing," he said, "and I shall be able to bat and bowl tomorrow."—Reuter.

Formosa Ceasefire

UN May
Meet On
Monday

New York, Jan. 28.

New Zealand, acting with the consent of Britain and the United States, may make a formal move today (Friday) to call the United Nations Security Council into session on Monday next to take up the question of a ceasefire in the Formosa Strait.

Informed quarters said that it was the intention of the New Zealand representative, Sir Leslie Munro, who is also President of the Council for January, to present today a formal notice for the Council meeting.

But sources who have been close to the negotiations on the question between representatives of Britain, New Zealand and the United States, said last night that there was a possibility that the call for a Council meeting might be delayed a little further.

AWAITING WORD

It was expected that before any definite action was taken the New Zealand delegation would wait to hear from the Prime Minister, Mr. Sydney Holland, who arrived in London today for the Prime Ministers' conference.

Mr. Holland passed through the United States on his way to London and had important talks on the Formosa situation both in Washington and New York.

Discussion took place today with members of the Council outside the small circle which has been concerned in the negotiations leading up to the present stage. It was believed they were briefed on the plans Britain, the United States, and New Zealand had in mind. But spokesmen declined to say whether the Soviet Union had been included in these talks.—Reuter.

Prison For
Ex-MP

London, Jan. 27.

Albert Raymond Blackburn, 40-year-old former Labour Member of Parliament, was sentenced to two years in prison today for share fraud.

Blackburn was convicted on two charges of making misleading statements "to induce two men to acquire shares in a company which planned to ring London with caravan sites. He was found not guilty on four other charges."

When he heard the jury's verdict, Blackburn said: "I am absolutely innocent of this charge. I am incapable of being a crook. An innocent man has been convicted which is something I thought could not occur."

Blackburn said he would appeal against the conviction. In the dock with him was a 58-year-old company secretary, Thomas Leslie Maximilian Bailey, who was acquitted on four charges of inducing people to buy shares in the company. He was discharged.—Reuter.

Arthur Morris Out:
Australia's Good
Start In Fourth Test

Adelaide, Jan. 28.

After a good start by Australia in the Fourth Test today in which openers, Arthur Morris and Colin MacDonald took the score to 59, Frank "Typhoon" Tyson struck the first blow for England by having Morris caught behind for 25.

Just earlier, Morris had a narrow escape from Statham's bowling when he attempted to hook away a ball to the leg. The ball popped up and looked as if it would fall on top of the bats. Morris had a second swish at the ball and sent it away safely.

Burke joined MacDonald and the two took the score to 68, half an hour after the lunch interval.

Australia won the toss and decided to bat in torrid heat with the temperature near the hundred mark.

The pre-lunch play was dull and slow and Australia took 90 minutes to reach the 50. Hutton tried all five bowlers, changing them regularly.

But the play brightened after lunch when a stiff breeze helped the English fast bowlers and a number of "seams" brought the crowd of 30,000 to its feet, gasping with excitement.

There was an appeal for lbw against Burke before he had scored but it was disallowed by the umpire.

SLOWER SCORING

The advent of Burke saw the scoring slowing down considerably against accurate bowling by Statham and Tyson.

Burke was beaten several times by both bowlers with balls which narrowly missed his stumps before breaking his "duck."

Statham was said by commentators to be bowling "extremely well" with plenty of fire.

The English fielding was described as excellent with Peter May coming in for special mention.

BOWLING "GOOD"

In the pre-lunch period, the England bowling was described by commentators as "good" without being hostile.

Tyson was inclined to be too much off the mark. Statham was said to be the best of the five England bowlers this morning.

Bailey, Wardle and Appleyard all had a spell at the crease. MacDonald was the better of the two batsmen, playing confidently and was never at any time beaten by the ball.

HOT AND HUMID

The day began extremely hot and humid and the forecast is that the heat wave will continue.

England, 2-1 up in the series, are favoured to win this Test.

and clinch the rubber, although Adelaide Oval groundsmen, Arthur Lance said he believed the toss would play a decisive part in the match.

England's long run of losses and draws at Adelaide and the generally good performances by the Australians on this oval in the past could be a psychological factor in the home team's favour, commentators said.

In the long run, however, stamina and especially the ability to withstand the scorching heat may prove the important factor.

THE TEAMS ARE:

ENGLAND—L. Hutton (Captain), P.B.H. May, W.J. Edrich, M.C. Cowdrey, D.C.S. Compton, J.H. Wardle, F. Tyson, B. Statham, T. Evans, R. Appleyard, T. Bailey, Twelfth man! Wilson.

AUSTRALIA—J. Johnson (Captain), A. Morris, C. MacDonald, K. Miller, N. Harvey, I. Madocks, R. Simpson, B. Bennett, J. Burge, P. May, A. Davidson, Twelfth man! J. Favel.

—Reuter.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA First Innings
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BRITAIN AS LEADER

To Reduce The Grave World Situation

MRS PANDIT'S OPINION

London, Jan. 27.

The Indian High Commissioner, Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, said today a great section of the globe looked to Britain to take the lead in easing tension in a grave world situation.

She addressed a luncheon given by the Indian Journalists' Association in honour of India's 5th anniversary of Republic Day.

Lord Harewood On TV

London, Jan. 27.

The Earl of Harewood, cousin of the Queen, last night became the first member of the Royal Family to take part in a British television programme.

Lord Harewood, who is a member of the administrative staff of Covent Garden Opera House, interviewed a composer, Michael Tippett, whose opera "The Midsummer Marriage" will have its first performance there tomorrow.

In an introduction Lord Harewood said tomorrow's performance would climax a remarkable season for British opera. Five new works by four different composers had been performed at Covent Garden in the past five months.

Lord Harewood, who has been an opera critic and editor of an opera magazine, conducted the interview in an easy conversational style. — China Mail Special.

The luncheon was attended by the British Foreign Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, by the former Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, by India's chief Indian United Nations delegate, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, and by representatives of the majority of Commonwealth and foreign Embassies and Legations in London, including Russia and Communist China.

LAUGHED HEARTILY

The Association's President, Dr Tarapada Basu, made both Mr Attlee and Sir Anthony laugh heartily when he referred to them as "two future Prime Ministers."

Mrs Pandit praised both statesmen — Mr Attlee as the architect of India's independence and Sir Anthony as the statesman who had successfully dealt with world issues that many countries thought insoluble.

Mrs Pandit caused merriment among about 150 international correspondents when, unlike Mr Attlee and Sir Anthony, she put her speech "strictly on record."

She praised Sir Anthony's work at the Geneva conference "in the furtherance of world peace."

"India greatly appreciated his patience and wise statesmanship in dealing with issues that then seemed insoluble," she said.

She went on to say that India was glad of the opportunity of working with Britain although she was not a member of the Geneva conference and stressed the importance of the forthcoming Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference.

CAN GIVE LEAD

"Britain can again give the lead in expounding the spirit of the Commonwealth. We are all aware of the gravity of the world situation today and we shall look to Sir Anthony Eden to interpret the mental processes of all nations whose concepts are not fully understood," she said.

Mr Huo Hsiang, the Charge d'Affaires of Communist China, listened impassively while Mrs Pandit extolled the "spirit of the Commonwealth" but brightly interjected that Red China should be given a seat in the United Nations.

Without mentioning China by name, she spoke of "nations deprived of the right" to make their voices heard in the world forum.

"The basic concepts of equality, nationhood and freedom should be implemented everywhere. The trouble in this day and age is that there are nations deprived of these rights. We would like to think that Britain can again give the lead to all countries," she said.

MACARTHUR PRAISED

Mrs Pandit praised General Douglas MacArthur's speech advocating the "closing of the door on war."

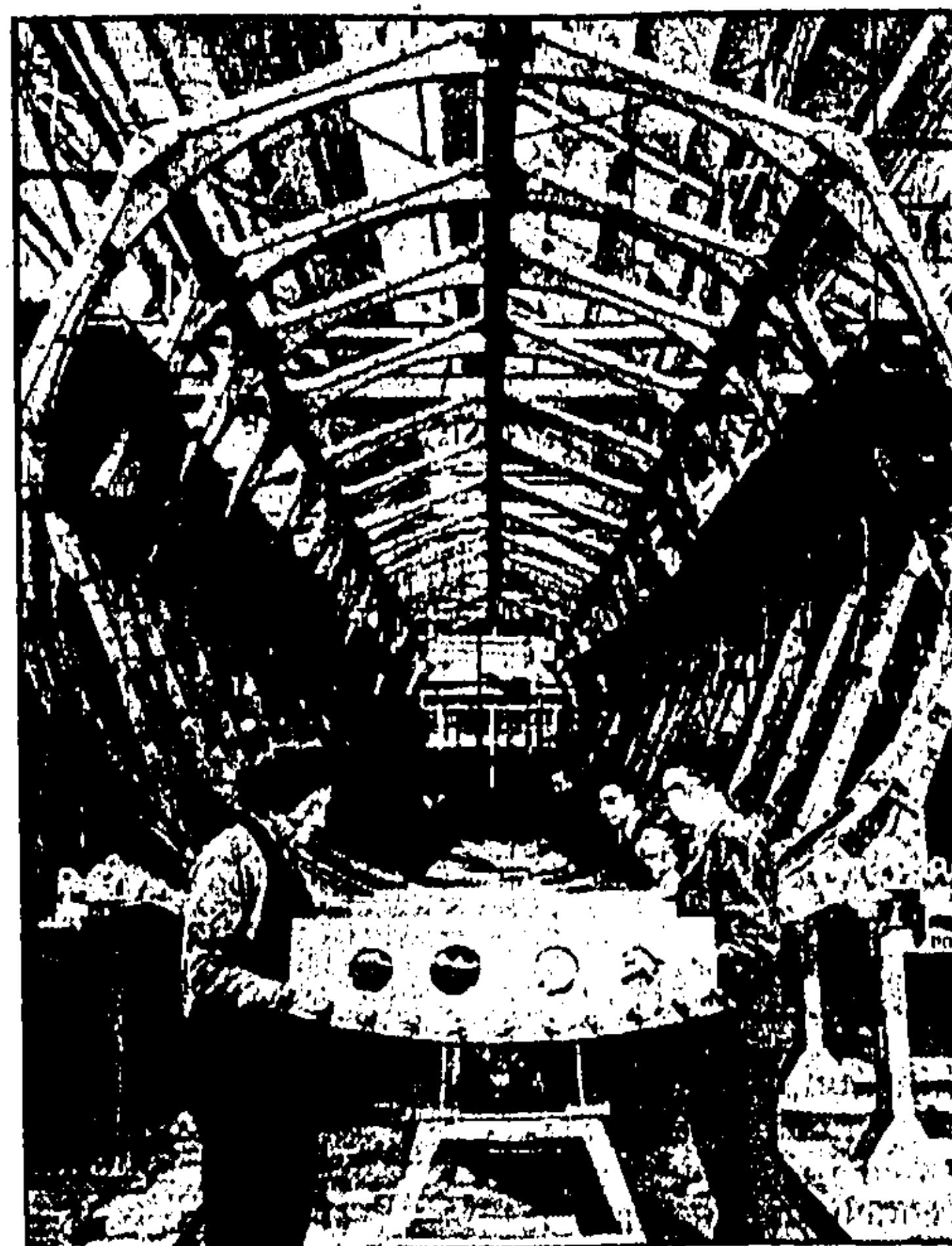
"It is heartening that a man with all his experience has the courage to say we must close the door on war. That is what we should all seek to do—not only to avert war but to close the door on war forever," Mrs Pandit declared.—United Press.

YOUNG INQUIRY CALLED FOR

London, Jan. 28.

A call for a full official statement of the reasons that led to the resignation of Colonel Arthur Young, former Commander of Police in Kenya, is made today in a church missionary society pamphlet "Kenya—Time For Action."

It says: "In the absence of an adequate official statement, rumour has it that under Colonel Young's direction an increasingly vigilant police force are of elementary standards of decency and reasonable restraint by whom whose duty it was to be upholders of civilised standards against barbarism but that Colonel Young found reluctance in some official quarters to support the taking of proceedings against these offenders." — China Mail Special.



First step in building a giant Britannia airliner — fitters place the first panel in position in the circular jig at the Bristol Aeroplane Company's works at Filton, Bristol. In this jig the fuselage begins to take shape.—Reuterphoto.

Italian Deputies Lift Immunity Of Communist

Rome, Jan. 27.

The Italian Chamber of Deputies tonight lifted the Parliamentary immunity of one of Italy's most famous wartime partisan leaders, a Communist, and authorised the police to arrest him.

He is believed to be in Czechoslovakia. Francesco Morano fled the country three years ago when police first asked Parliament's permission to arrest him on charges of ordering the killing of four partisans and the wives of two of them.

Parliament lifted his immunity but Morano was re-elected from the Turin Constituency in the general elections in 1953. He immediately returned to Italy from behind the Iron Curtain and remained here until Parliament began to consider a renewed demand by the police for permission to arrest him.

Then he fled the country again. He has been charged in his absence with ordering the summary execution of four men who joined his partisan division in the Alpine foothills and after a few weeks announced they were quitting it.

In tonight's debate in the Chamber of Deputies a Com-

munist spokesman said Morano, now aged 35, had every reason to believe the men were spies. He said Morano subsequently ordered the killing of the wives of two of the men because they threatened to denounce the partisans to the Fascist "black brigades" unless their husbands returned.—Reuter.

Advance In Atom-Powered Aircraft Development

Washington, Jan. 27.

The highest civilian and military leaders of the Air Force said today that the United States was working toward development of a practical atom-powered aircraft and had made a "marked advance" in developing intercontinental atomic missiles.

General Nathan Twining, Air Force Chief of Staff, told the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives that nuclear propelled aircraft still faced "many difficult engineering problems." But he said advances thus far had supplied basic knowledge enabling scientists to predict a practical atom aircraft capable of indefinite flight.

The Air Force had "placed a high priority" on developing it, he said.

"We have hopes that this will be a truly intercontinental weapon freeing us from the dependence on overseas bases and supply systems," he added.

The Air Force Secretary, Mr Harold E. Talbot, told the Committee of a "marked advance" made this year in developing the intercontinental ballistic missile.—Reuter.

EMPLOYER PROVIDES DEFENCE

Singapore, Jan. 27.

A Chinese maid-servant who is charged with theft of her employers' jewellery was defended by counsel provided for her by her employers.

Mr Ivan Walter Campbell told the surprised Magistrate that besides providing a lawyer for the defence of the accused he and his wife were willing to re-employ the servant "because she had been honest and a good worker in the past seven years."

The employer stood surety for the accused when the Magistrate offered her bail of M\$500 pending a probation officer's report.

Earlier, the accused had pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing 12 gold bangles, two diamond rings and one gold bracelet which she pawned for M\$300.—United Press.

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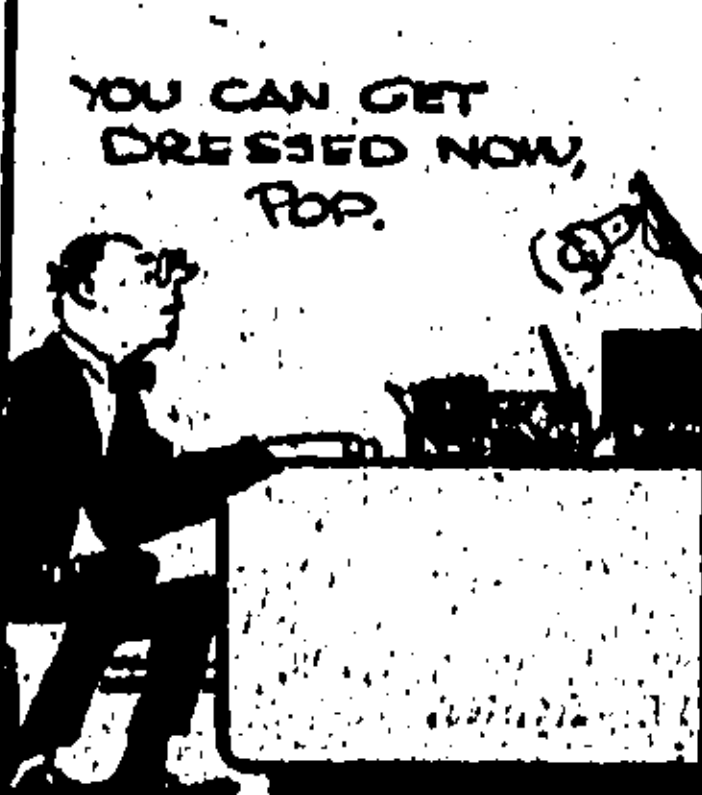
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Transfer Of Cocos Approved By Commons

London, Jan. 27. The Cocos Islands bill transferring the control of this strategic group of 27 Indian Ocean islands from Singapore to Australia had its third reading in the House of Commons today. Subject to confirmation by the House of Lords, together with the Royal Assent, the transfer will shortly become law.

The "King of the Cocos", John Charles Ross, a 25-year-old graduate of Oxford University, is to retain the 999-year lease granted to his ancestors by Queen Victoria, when they took possession of the islands in 1825.

The islands, with a population of 1,200, have an Australian-built air base. They were attacked by the Germans in the first World War and by the Japanese during the last war. —France-Press.

PRISON PARTIES POPULAR

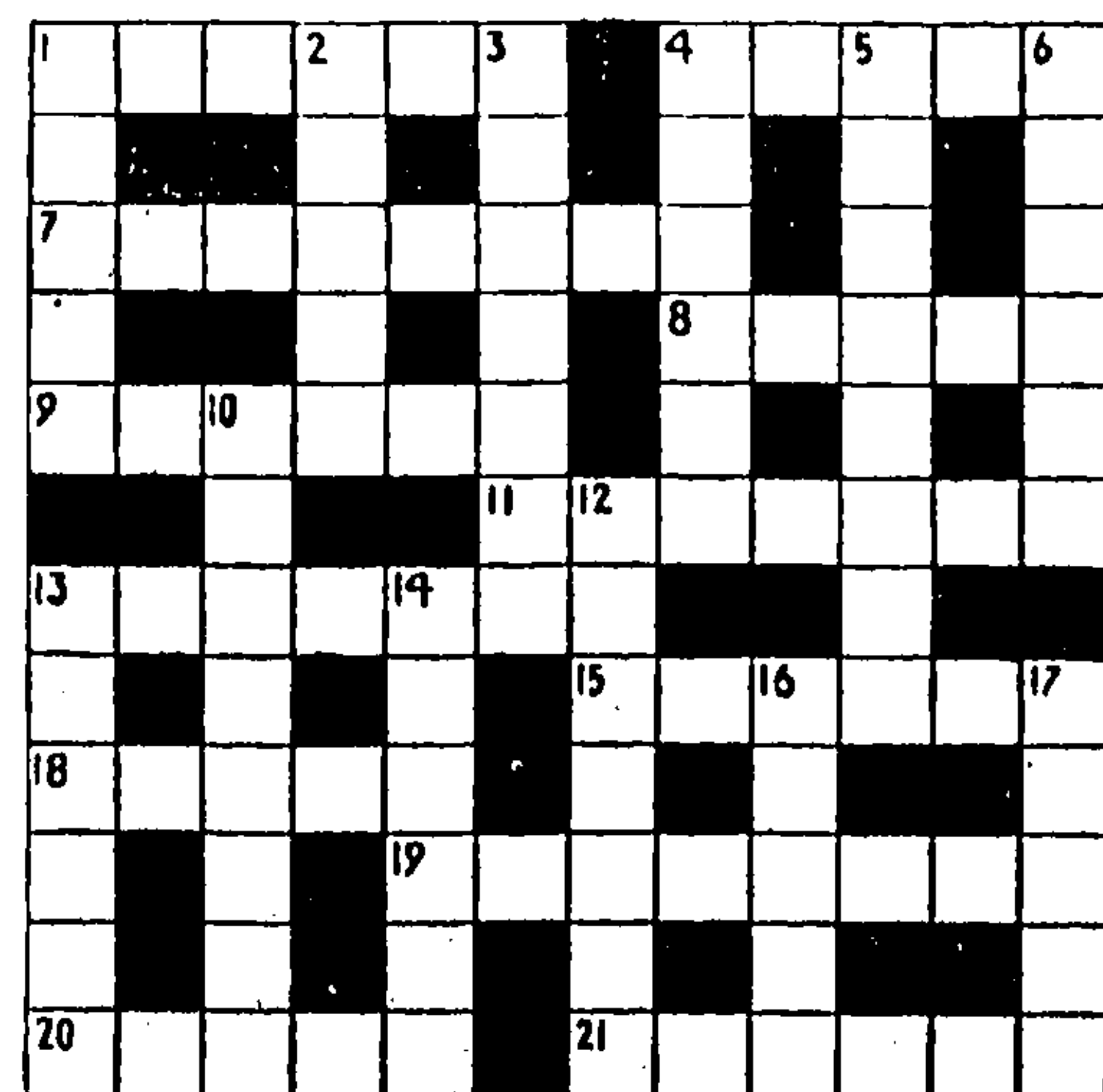
Villach, Austria, Jan. 27. Two warders, sentenced to hard labour here today, were said to have made the district prison, for men and women, "more like the one in the Strauss operetta, Die Fledermaus," so that prisoners committed new offences to return and enjoy its free and easy drinking parties.

The warders, who had been sentenced to three years for allowing prisoners to shop and to take a holiday, were said to have been sentenced to three years for allowing prisoners to shop and to take a holiday.

The judge, who made the comparison with the merry parties in the operetta, sentenced the warders to three years for allowing prisoners to shop and to take a holiday.

Police put into the story of the gay prison when they investigated the theft of a bicycle and discovered that a drunken prisoner, on his way back to jail from the Pilsener Bakers Inn, had stolen it. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Chops (4).
 - Boats (6).
 - Genial (6).
 - Rule (5).
 - Spiritualist meeting (8).
 - Lassitude (7).
 - Fills with consternation (7).
 - Extend (6).
 - Best part (6).
 - Antiquated (8).
 - Equestrian (5).
 - Near relative (6).
- DOWN**
- Fashions (6).
 - Emblem of royalty (5).
 - Dignified (7).
 - Unfruitful (6).
 - Height (6).
 - Offender (6).
 - Rapified (6).
 - Helps (7).
 - Physician (6).
 - Defensive covering worn in fighting (6).
 - Registers (6).
 - Dismal (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Chic, 4 Ransack, 8 Head, 9 Pica, 10 Portion, 11 Rein, 12 Germ, 14 Dissent, 17 Arise, 18 Stray, 22 Blessed, 23 Hema, 27 Vine, 28 Calico, 29 Role, 30 Room, 31 Reverses, 32 Sets. Down: 2 Haller, 3 Charms, 4 Rapid, 5 Adonis, 6 Sites, 7 Clown, 12 Gorb, 13 Ripe, 15 Elre, 16 Toys, 18 Savore, 20 Therms, 21 Amulet, 23 Leave, 24 Stole, 25 Sides.

Refugees Cut Down By Machine-guns FRENCH CHARGES TO COMMISSION

Saigon, Jan. 27. France charged formally to the International Armistice Commission today that Communist troops massacred Roman Catholics with machine-guns in the Lumi area of Northern Annam two weeks ago.

The formal French protest was based on reports of refugees who managed to escape the area and flee to safety in Haiphong, last French-held city in Northern Vietnam.

According to the refugees, 10 Catholics were killed, two more but 14, many wounded and 180 arrested and dragged off to Communist prison camps during the incident.

The refugees said the trouble started on January 9 when two Catholic peasants informed the Vietnamese authorities that 3,000 persons near Lumi wanted to

Bandit Girl's Song Led Him Astray

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 27. A Chinese labourer who heard a bandit girl singing in the jungle turned poet himself and was given a three-year prison sentence for composing "subversive verses."

Moh Siew Yong, aged 30, said the girl's song inspired him to write poetry. However, his poems were found to have such phrases as "hit the ruthless British for killing our brothers, raping our sisters, and burning our homes."

Moh explained that he only wrote the songs to "cheer myself up when I was depressed."

The judge pointed out that the songs were subversive literature, and Moh indignantly retorted: "I only did it so the Communists would know I was a genuine fellow and would contact me. Then I could tell the police and get the reward money," he said.

The judge was unimpressed. Moh went to jail, but because he listened to a siren song in the jungle. —France-Press.

England-Wales Parliamentary Boundaries Revision

London, Jan. 27. The House of Commons sat until nearly 3.30 this morning approving the last of 42 orders revising Parliamentary boundaries in England and Wales.

Tired Members tramped wearily out of the House after a session which began at 4.30 p.m. yesterday when 220 orders remained for discussion.

But this was much quicker than when the orders first came before the House for approval prior to members rising for the Christmas recess.

The Labour Opposition then objected strongly to the Boundary Commission's proposed divisional changes.

Last night there were divisions on five of the orders giving the Conservative Government majorities of 25, 29, 30, 44 and 37 respectively. —Reuter.

Difficult Tunisian Home Rule Talks

Paris, Jan. 27. Slow and difficult progress was made during today's Franco-Tunisian talks on Tunisian home rule, informed sources said here today.

They said that after a three-and-a-half hour meeting this afternoon, in the presence of French Premier, M. Pierre Mendes-France, and Tunisian Premier Tahar Ben Ammar, it was still hard to predict when the negotiations would come to an end.

Neither the French nor Tunisian delegations seemed to have lost hope that a solution would be found to outstanding problems.

Tunisian sources felt that after another meeting, possibly tomorrow, the end would be in sight. French sources limited themselves to saying that the negotiations would continue. —France-Press.



RUSSIAN INDUSTRY BECOMES GIANT IN FEW YEARS

New York, Jan. 27. Russian industry, doubling and tripling itself in 25 years to rank today as a giant second only to that of the United States, is producing crude tools and goods with unskilled workmanship, according to a study in the January 29 issue of Business Week magazine.

But in fields were precision matters to the Soviet — atomic energy and guided missiles — "tolerances are close and quality is a must."

Russian factories produce for the Government, not the consumer; there is no competition to spur improvement of the product, only to turn out more, the magazine said.

But "when it does want to better, its capacity for research and development is probably as good as that of any other nation," the magazine said. It has graduated 38,000 engineers and scientists in the years 1951-53, as compared with 20,000 in the United States, and there is evidence that their education is improving in quality.

THE STUDY

The magazine's study was made by a technical editor who, the magazine said, went "behind the Iron Curtain in recent months to find out" about Soviet industrial production.

Partly, the crudity of production is caused by a lack of skilled labour, the magazine said, partly by the philosophy illustrated by its World War II tank production. Soviet experts then a tank to test at seven and a half combat hours, they built it to last no longer, and what difference could comfort or safety make to that life.

The MIG-15 of the Korean war was built on the same principle, the magazine said, and there is no denying it worked.

The emphasis on quantity has drawbacks in other respects, however, the magazine said. It cited a large steam turbine shown at a recent Leipzig fair.

"Even before it begins to need replacement parts, it will give the plant manager trouble. With its gravel-finch blades, a result of hurry, it will fail to produce power efficiently. This will make it harder for the manager to meet his quotas. But since he, too, is in a hurry, he may not be able to afford the down-time necessary to get the turbine improved."

Since 1917, the magazine said, the Soviets have built "their colossal piece of emphasis into an industrial giant second only

Serious Situation At Gaza

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 27. An urgent meeting of the Egyptian-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission today noted with grave concern the serious situation prevailing on the Egyptian-Israeli border near the Gaza strip.

The crisis, it was stated, followed alleged repeated Egyptian attacks on Israeli territory. The Commission found Egypt guilty of the last incident on January 25 when an Israeli tractor driver was killed and another wounded by Egyptian snipers. —France-Press.

Former S'pore Judge's Daughter Married

London, Jan. 27. Happiness came yesterday to beautiful Anne Terrell, 24-year-old daughter of a former Singapore Chief Justice, who figured in a tragic suicide case last May.

She married Captain Eric Longden, 32-year-old superintendent in the Malayan police, at the Kensington Register Office here.

Last year, Anne, a dark-haired girl, told an inquest how she found the body of Donald King, 25, in a Singapore hotel room the day after she refused to wed him.

There was a bullet wound in his head.

King's last wish, written in a death note, was that she should forget him and find happiness.

Anne met Captain Longden about a year ago. Her mother, Mrs. A. Beckett-Terrell, said tonight "they both deserve to be very, very happy."

"I do not know where they are honeymooning but they will be going subsequently to Ireland. They are definitely returning to Malaya—possibly in about six weeks. —China Mail Special.

No Anti-Atom Bomb Department

London, Jan. 27. Sir Winston Churchill today turned down a suggestion that he should appoint a minister for home security and a special department to safeguard the civilian population in the event of atom and hydrogen bomb war.

A Labour Member, Mr. Arthur Lewis, had suggested in the House of Commons that a special department could prepare plans for evacuating areas threatened by air attack, feeding displaced civilians and constructing deep underground air raid shelters.

The Home Secretary is responsible for civil defence. —Reuter.

M. Rebecchini, the Mayor of Rome (left), presents a replica of the Rome emblem of the Wolf to M. Mendes-France, the French premier, at Rome's Town Hall. The French Premier was in Rome for talks with Italian leaders. —Express Photo.

Police Could Not Arrest Murderer Crime Too Old

Paris, Jan. 27. Sixty-year-old Maurice Lyonne appeared one day in Dijon police station in eastern France and said without preamble, "Arrest me, I am a murderer."

Questioned, the man explained that he had, back in 1933, stabbed a man during a dispute in a cabaret. The man had died of his wounds. The police checked the old man's story and found that it was true.

The crime, however, was so old that the police, to their great regret, said they could not arrest him.

NOWHERE TO GO

Lyonne, who showed a strong desire to be arrested, was dissuaded with the decision. It was cold and raining outside and the old man had no place to go.

"Then, arrest me for vagabondage," he pleaded. "Just for a few days," he further said.

"Sorry," the police superintendent told him. "It is impossible. You have with you a sum of 500 francs (HK\$8). You cannot therefore be considered as a vagabond."

The old man in despair went out into the cold, rainy night. —France-Press.

WARPLANES FOR JORDAN

Istanbul, Jan. 27. The Turkish Government today brought before the National Assembly a bill authorising delivery of three warplanes to Jordan as a gift.

The gesture was interpreted here as showing a desire to induce certain Arab countries to join the Turko-Arab defence pact.

Turkey has already sent arms and equipment to Libya. —France-Press.

PIERRE THE GREAT DID NOT APPROVE

Paris, Jan. 27.

Pierre, nicknamed Pierre the Great owing to his tall stature, had a rendezvous with a girl friend in an attic in the stables of the Paris horse dealer he was working for.

"I called and nobody answered," he told the judge who was examining the slight incident which occurred afterwards. He added, "So I thought Josephine had left. I turned on a switch and what did I see? Josephine was asleep lying under the same blanket as my friend Rene. The latter even had a hand under Josephine's head."

TWO YARDS APART

The judge remarked that Josephine and Rene claimed that they were lying two yards apart.

"His arm is certainly not two yards long," Pierre the Great observed. He had lost his self-control and had beaten up Rene and Josephine. In the fight, Rene had lost an eye.

Pierre appeared to be very sorry over the fact that his

Serge Rubinstein Lived In Luxury —And Fear

(The writer of the following article attended one of the fabulous parties thrown by Serge Rubinstein, the Wall Street wonder boy, during the holidays. This dispatch gives a close-up of the international financier who was murdered (this morning).)

By Elizabeth Toomey (United Press Staff Correspondent)

New York, Jan. 27. Serge Rubinstein, the Russian-born financier who successfully evaded deportation for years after his conviction as a draft dodger, lived in an uneasy, secretive circle of friends surrounded by every luxury money could buy.

The wealthy, shadowy figure was a king in his little empire which centred around his Fifth Avenue town house crowded with priceless art objects. One of his closest friends was Spencer Samuels, one of the owners of the French & Co., art dealers.

Rubinstein was one of the few men in the United States who could afford to fill his home with treasures from European castles and museums, the kind of lares and manes that Samuel Samuels said.

COLLEGE GIRLS Like beautiful art objects, Rubinstein liked to have beautiful women in his home. At one party in his mansion, the faded financier had a business associate arrange for some of the guests to come from a nearby exclusive girls college.

Rubinstein's mother arrived at the chaperone and the party centred in the sumptuous second floor living room and library until Rubinstein decided it was dinner time.

"We will go eat," he announced to one of his business associates, nearby. Then the people Rubinstein had singled out during the party to accompany him to dinner were informed by his associates.

A dozen men and women, who were urged by the associate not to refuse the invitation and anger Rubinstein, trailed the short, swarthy figure several blocks down Fifth Avenue to a hotel supper club.

"He is the most generous man I've ever known," one of his associates said, in contrast to some of the stories circulated about his ruthless business dealings.

"If you admire his necktie, he'll take it off and give it to you, or may send you a dozen the next day."

TRUSTED NO ONE But even surrounded by luxury, Rubinstein felt like a marked man. He did not trust anybody, except his few closest associates. He felt he was persecuted by the Press.

At the party he gave for his friends and the delegation of college girls, Rubinstein singled out a newspaper reporter as one of his dinner companions, not realising who she was. When an associate whispered the bad news to Rubinstein, he paled.

"This is off the record, isn't it?" he pleaded nervously. —United Press.

London, Jan. 27. The Londoner who has personally welcomed more overseas visitors than any other single Englishman, Mr. Donald White, is to give up his job next Monday at Victoria station, the Continental terminus.

Mr. White, blue-uniformed "Man from Cooks," has been greeting royalty, world celebrities and ordinary tourists at Victoria for the past 40 years.

He is now retiring at the age of 79. —China Mail Special.

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FIJIAN HERO AWARDED MEDAL

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 27.

A cheerful little medical orderly, who killed five terrorists in his spare time, has received a medal —for trying to save lives.

Private Revila Sonaki Seru, a Fijian, used to get tired of his medical duties, and would go off on patrols with his fighting comrades.

He personally killed five terrorists during these jungle junkets. Last October Private Seru was with a platoon in Johore when a tree fell across their camp, injuring and pinning down five soldiers—including Seru.

CRUSHED LEG When extricated, he was found to have a badly crushed leg. However, he refused to have his injuries treated, but crawled about in the darkness giving morphine to the injured and bandaging his injuries.

He helped to free the remaining injured who lay under the tree, and only when the last man to be rescued was found to be dead and beyond his help would he agree to look after himself.

He applied splints to his smashed leg, but refused to take any of the small remaining stock of morphine despite the intense pain.

His commanding officer pinned the British Empire Medal on the tunic of the indefatigable little soldier last week for "self-sacrificing devotion to duty." —France-Press.

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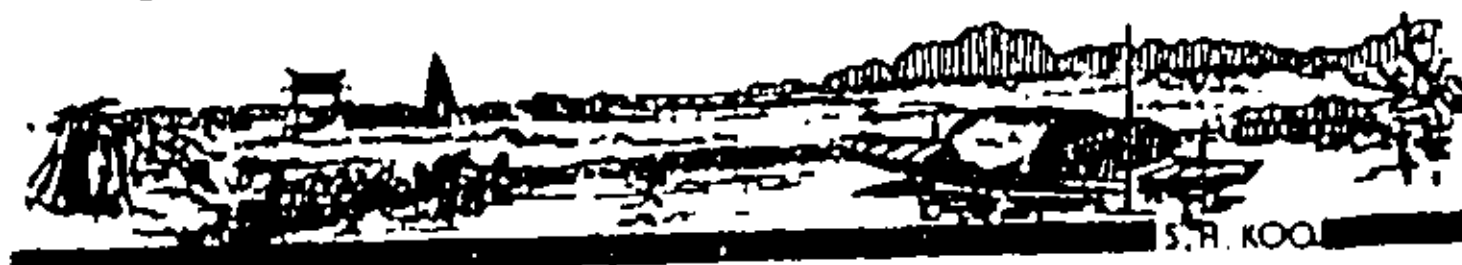
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WHY DID THEY HUSH UP THIS STORY?

MAJOR HILL, of the British Intelligence Service, had never faced anything like it before. Nothing in King's Regulations had prepared him for this.

The date was April 1946. On the surface, it seemed a simple enough affair. The Italians had seized a ship called the *Fede* just as it was about to leave the port of Spezia. Investigation revealed that the ship carried 1,014 Jews planning to enter Palestine illegally.

By this time the British were well aware that a highly-organised campaign of illegal immigration into Palestine had been instituted by the Zionists. The British had called upon other countries to help them stem the growing number of ships slipping out from Mediterranean ports to make the stealthy passage to Palestine with their forbidden cargoes.

That was why the Italians had turned the *Fede* and its 1,000 Jews over to Major Hill. Arriving on the scene Major Hill sent a curt order to Yehuda Aza, the leader of the Jews on the *Fede*, to disembark the immigrants. The order was ignored.

His ultimatum

HILL then sent an ultimatum. Unless the immigrants immediately left the ship, soldiers would be sent to take them off by force. Aza's reply was devastatingly unexpected. If any British soldier laid hands on an immigrant the ship would be blown up, together with the immigrants and the soldiers. They preferred death to a return to the European soil they loathed.

Major Hill was not prepared to call the bluff. The troops were taken off the ship, the port area was sealed off and a warship anchored alongside the *Fede*. This was a matter that called for higher authority than a major.

Aza was now determined to exploit the situation as melodramatically as he could. It offered an ideal opportunity for anti-British propaganda. The sight of this decrepit old ship surrounded by troops, tanks, and warships was sure to gain the sympathy of the Italians.

Soon the port area was crowded with reporters and inhabitants of Spezia listening to Aza's speeches and appeals for support. The British did nothing.

Hunger strike

FOUR days after being detained Aza made his next move. There would be a hunger strike on board until the British allowed the ship to sail.

After 63 hours of fasting the deck of the *Fede* was covered with unconscious refugees. A cable was sent to Attlee warning him he would be personally responsible for any loss of life. At the 75th hour of the strike, a British delegation headed by Harold Laski, who happened to be in Italy at the time, met Aza.

Aza offered Laski his final terms. The refugees had decided, he said, that rather than be forced off the ship they would take their own lives. Ten refugees were prepared to commit suicide every day in public unless their demands were met. The first 10 had already volunteered to kill themselves on the following day.

Confronted with this lunatic but obviously sincere threat the British collapsed. Laski said he would be willing to negotiate with Attlee and Bevin about the *Fede* if the hunger strike was called off. A truce was effected and a date set for the end of negotiations. Thirty-three days after its detention the British agreed the ship could sail for Palestine with all on board.

This bizarre incident is only one of many recorded by Jon and David Kimche in their account, *The Secret Roads*, of how the Jewish trickle of illegal immigration which began in 1938 had swollen to a torrent by 1945.

Humiliating

THE book is a decidedly one-sided, pro-Jewish version of the story. The authors confess that their main problem in handling the British side was the scarcity of material. And in these pages we emerge less as villains than bewildered fools. To the British troops the task of carrying screaming and kicking men, women and children off these illegal ships was ugly and humiliating. Having arrived in Palestine expecting to be hailed as allies

who had defeated Hitler, they were astonished and mystified by the antagonism they aroused.

Much of their ignorance was, in part due to the lack of information the British public received about what was really happening in Palestine.

Only when the terrorist outrages of the Irgun and the Stern Gang occurred did we realise what bitterness had been accumulated against us.

I have, for example, examined the newspaper cuttings of the Spezia affair. They tell only a very meagre account of this dramatic story. Thus while other countries were being roused to anti-Jewish sentiment by the Jewish version of these events, the British public was being coddled in the cotton-wool of diplomatic censorship.

Now "The Secret Roads" is a book that raises some very important issues not only of historical interpretation, but of our future conduct in such Empire trouble spots as Kenya and Cyprus.

For if this version of these events is accurate then there was something seriously wrong with our Foreign Office experts, our security system, and our handling of public relations. What steps have been taken to ensure that such mistakes will not occur again?

Bevin's plan

THE years that have passed since the foundation of a Jewish State in 1948 have done much to discredit the judgment of our Middle East advisers.

According to the authors of this book, Ernest Bevin, when he became Foreign Secretary, had worked out a plan for Palestine which envisaged it, with Jewish help, as a model of what a Middle East State could be.

But his permanent officials and Chiefs of Staff warned him that this was impracticable and that the Arabs had, above all, to be kept quiet. Thus further Jewish immigration was restricted to 1,500 a month and the plan dropped.

But Bevin was not the only statesman who had to contend with the decidedly pro-Arab bias of his experts. When some 2,000 Jews, escaping certain extermination by the Nazis, arrived illegally in Palestine in November 1940 the Palestine Government announced they would be deported to Mauritius. Churchill was unhappy about this decision. He sent a message to the Colonial Secretary. As the action to ship Jewish refugees to Mauritius had been announced, he said, "It must proceed but the conditions in Mauritius must not involve these people being caged up for the duration of the war."

Despite this firm request these ships to Mauritius were kept in an old French prison for the entire war and not released until five years later in August 1945.

One ship was blown up on its way to Mauritius, and in this case the survivors were allowed to return to Palestine. Speaking of these, Churchill wrote a message dated March 1941: "General Wevell, like most British military officers, is strongly pro-Arab. At the time of the licences to the ship-

★ After nine years the full facts are given... of a bizarre incident that caused an outcry against Britain. It was the cotton-wool of diplomatic censorship that smirched our name. But is Whitehall any wiser today?

by

MILTON SHULMAN



YEHUDA AZA
He led the Jews who defied the British by sailing to Palestine... and in the face of his threats the British gave in.

wrecked illegal immigrants being permitted he sent a telegram not less strong than this, predicting widespread disaster in the Arab world, together with the loss of the Basra-Bagdad-Haifa route. The telegram should be locked up and also my answer in which I overruled the general and explained to him the reasons for the Cabinet decision. All went well, and not a dog barked."

Had Bevin, too, overruled his Middle East advisers and allowed 100,000 Jews to enter Palestine—as had been recommended by the Anglo-American committee—during the negotiations for partition, we might well have been spared the hate and violence and terrorism of those days.

Since the creation of the State of Israel some 600,000 immigrants have entered the country. Few of the dire predictions of the experts have come true. And, as events in Egypt have shown, we have received precious little gratitude for our pro-Arab efforts.

Where, one wonders, are these experts now? Has there been any attempt in the Foreign Office to find out what went wrong in Palestine? Or are the same Middle East authorities laying down the law about what should be done in Iraq and Egypt and Cyprus?

Forged papers

LESS serious, but still very disturbing, is the evidence revealed in this book of astonishing lapses in British security arrangements while the Navy was trying to intercept these illegal ships.

Discussing the methods used to avoid British patrols, the authors go on to say, "Haganah (the Jewish Army) intelligence worked so efficiently that copies of top-secret Army Movement Orders and policy decisions would be in Haganah hands often before they reached their intended destination."

Even more startling was the case with which it was possible in Italy in 1940 for the Jews to set up an entirely fictitious British Army unit, and run it openly under the very noses of the Military Police.

Very active in the first illegal immigration operations were the Jewish Army units stationed in Italy.

When the last Palestinian unit was pulled out of Italy it looked as if this means of organising illegal immigration was over.

But 10 officers and N.C.O.s were left behind to carry out an audacious plan. With forged regulations papers they took over a large courtyard and garage in the centre of Milan, and ran it as a military establishment.

So meticulously was everything copied—the workings, the M.P. signboards, the guards outside, and the documents—

A Big Task

RENAMING THE BUSHMEN

By LIONEL HOGG

Darwin. IF you have had difficulty in naming any of your children then take pity on the patrol officers of the Northern Territory Native Affairs Department. They are planning the biggest task ever handed out to them — the renaming of the more than 14,000 aborigines in the Territory.

Within 10 years they hope that names like Murdering Jack, Sugar Bag, Tar Pot, Elsie Duck Foot, Nose Peg Jimmie, Left Eye, Dog Face Jessie, Pumpkin Head, Gulluping Maudie, and Horse-Ears Charlie will no longer be thrust upon local inhabitants in constant touch with the white man.

The patrol officers' job will not be easy. They will first have to beat the taboos which continually change the aborigines' names.

Old bushmen who have spent years with these people do not think the white man can change their Stone-Age customs.

UNSPOKEN NAME

WHEN one of them dies his tribesmen may not mention his name for a certain period.

On Melville Island the name may not be spoken until the totem poles rot and fall on the grave. And with the Mudra, Djinghali, and Wadaman tribes it may not be mentioned until the dead man is reincarnated. They believe that the dead return to earth in 10 years as animal, bird, or fish.

If a fellow tribesman deliberately or unwittingly uses the dead man's name, he breaks a taboo and can be damned for life.

When a tribesman dies, others with the same name change, it rather than risk a friend calling them by name and so breaking the taboo.

A Tiwi tribesman died recently. His name was Bicycle. Frightened to break the taboo, Melville Islanders today call all bicycles motorbikes.

FINGERPRINTS

TRIBESMEN employed as drivers, stockmen, timber cutters, cooks, and domestics have a percentage of their wages paid into a trust account held by the Native Affairs Department.

Some have as many as eight names. Unless the man is known personally to the officer handling the case, the officer will find it difficult to trace the heirs when the man dies.

The patrol officers given the task of renaming these 14,000 people will have to concentrate on family names, totems, and birth places. These are the only names not under taboos.

The first renaming should begin early next year. And to keep a check on the aborigines, the 14,000 will have to be fingerprinted. With the new names and the fingerprints, officers of the Native Affairs Department hope to be able to trace any aborigine in any part of the Territory.

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Dominici Appeals On Grounds Of Mis-Trial

JUDGMENT EXPECTED NEXT MONTH

Paris, Jan. 27.

Maitre Andre Mayer has presented to the French Supreme Court of Criminal Appeal the grounds on which he is asking for annulment of the trial of Gaston Dominici, sentenced to death for the triple murder of Sir Jack Drummond, his wife and daughter.

The Court has no power to alter the verdict against the 77-year-old French farmer but may declare a mis-trial if it finds that correct legal procedure has not been followed.

Judgment is expected about February 15.

KILLED NEAR FARM

The Drummond family were killed near the Dominici farm at Digne on August 5, 1952. Dominici was sentenced to death last November.

Maitre Mayer has asked for the annulment on the following grounds:

1. Members of the Dominici family were allowed to give evidence without taking the oath.
2. The presiding Judge and public prosecutor cut short the evidence of Gaston's son, Gustave, who first accused his father of the murder and then retracted the accusation.
3. The prosecutor (who had lost his voice) was allowed to speak into a microphone and his speech broadcast by loud speakers whereas this advantage was not given to defence counsel.
4. There were irregularities in the way in which the list of jurors was communicated to the defence.—Reuter.

Swiss-German Attempt On Nepal Peaks

Katmandu, Jan. 27.
 A combined Swiss-German expedition will this spring attempt to climb Mount Dhaulagiri, unconquered 28,110-foot peak, in Central Nepal, it was announced here today. Swiss and Argentine expeditions have made unsuccessful attempts to climb Dhaulagiri. Last spring Lieutenant Francisco Franex, 26-year-old leader of an Argentine attempt, died after having both feet amputated for frostbite. The Nepalese Foreign Office said today a second Argentine expedition would be sent to the Dhaulagiri region this autumn to prepare for an assault on the peak in the spring of 1956. It was also announced that Professor Norman Dyrenfurth, a Swiss climber would lead an expedition to peaks in the Nepal's Tibetan frontier west of Everest this spring. He accompanied a Swiss expedition to Everest in 1952.—Reuter.

Heated Turco-Iraqi Pact Debate

Cairo, Jan. 27.
 Representatives of all eight countries in the Arab League had a heated discussion on the proposed Turco-Iraqi mutual defence pact here tonight with Iraq holding fast to the proposal, diplomatic observers reported.

Several Arab League countries oppose the pact. After the three-and-a-half-hour meeting, the first attended by all eight countries since talks on the controversial treaty opened here five days ago, it was announced that another session would be held tomorrow.—Reuter.

SOLVING HOT PROBLEMS AND STUBBLE

By JOE JONES

An expert from frigid Iceland visits Mexico on a literally hot mission.

Scientists from practically all nations combine their efforts to solve the riddles of the earth's structure and its role in the Universe.

Passengers on flight over the North Pole find they have something in common with diners in a London restaurant.

These items, currently in the news, emphasize dramatically the fact that modern science is truly a "magic carpet"—bringing the peoples of the world closer through shared experience and knowledge.

TAP HOT WATER

The Icelandic expert, is Gunnar Bodvarsson, chief engineer of his country's Electric Authority. He recently took off for Mexico to advise the Mexican Government on whether to tap hot water and steam springs to heat homes and plants. His three months' visit is under the auspices of the United Nations' technical assistance programme.

Iceland began investigating the commercial possibilities of hot water springs some 30 years ago. Today, about half of the 53,000 persons living in the capital city, Reykjavik, have homes heated by water piped from hot springs.

The scientists who are preparing to study the mysteries of this planet in relation to the Universe are members of the International Geophysical Union. In the course of an international "geophysical year," some of them will try to determine an accurate picture of the shape of our planet by means of photography of the moon and nearby stars.

Still others will try to reach a better understanding of magnetic storms. And by means of balloon flights, other groups will investigate cosmic radiation—the mysterious rain of

particles from outer space. The geophysicists are even planning to utilize fixed high-altitude stations around the world for their studies of this phenomenon.

On a somewhat less lofty—but no less interesting—realm is the modern invention which North Pole flight passengers share with London diners. It's nothing less than a Remington shaver!

SHAVERS ON TRIP

When the Scandinavian Airlines recently initiated regular flights over the North Pole from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Los Angeles, California, stewards smilingly presented the masculine passengers with shavers for their use during the trip. Meanwhile, in the Soho district of London, a cafe owner, contemplating the unenviable sight of unshaven customers drinking their early morning coffee, conceived the idea of offering free shaves via the electric razor. The customers welcomed the idea with unfeigned enthusiasm.

Nowadays, it's a rare morning indeed when passersby aren't amused and edified by the spectacle of the Moka Bar's customers perched on high stools and calmly removing the stubble from their chins—between sips of hot coffee.

MR FRANCE APPEALS TO C'TEE

Paris, Jan. 27.
 The Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, asked the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee today to approve the German rearmament accords.

In an impassioned two-hour speech before the powerful foreign affairs group, M. Mendes-France said it was vital that the Council of the Republic (the Senate) ratify the Paris accords swiftly and that they give the Government a good majority in the ratification.

Approval by the National Assembly on December 30 was by such a small majority (283-250), the Premier said, that it endangered France's position in the eyes of her allies and it made any meeting of the Big Four in the future to negotiate with the U.S.S.R. less likely.

Why should the Soviet Union meet France at the conference table, he demanded, when it was apparent to all the world that it was only with the great reluctance of a grudging spirit—that France had agreed to German rearmament?—United Press.

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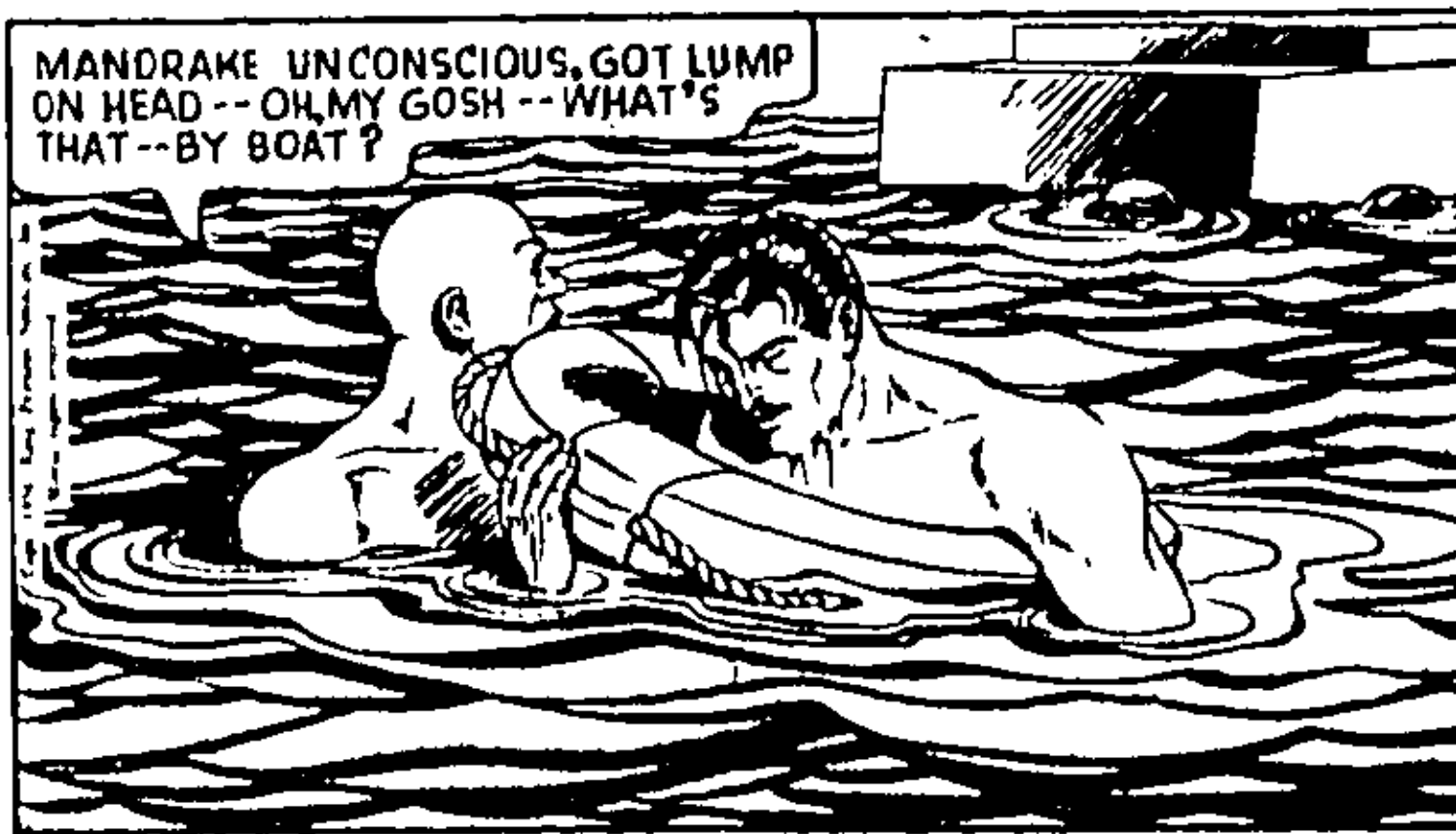
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 Japan & U.S.A., 6 p.m.
 Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
 By Surface

China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
 Philippines, 9 a.m.
 Formosa, 9 a.m.
 Korea, 9 a.m.
 India, 11 a.m.
 Indo-China, 11 a.m.
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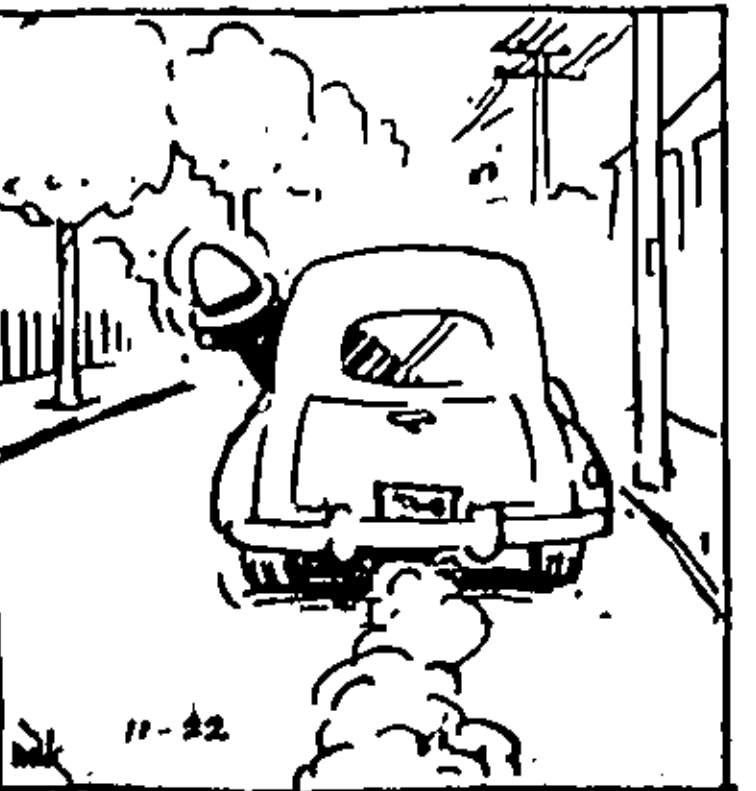
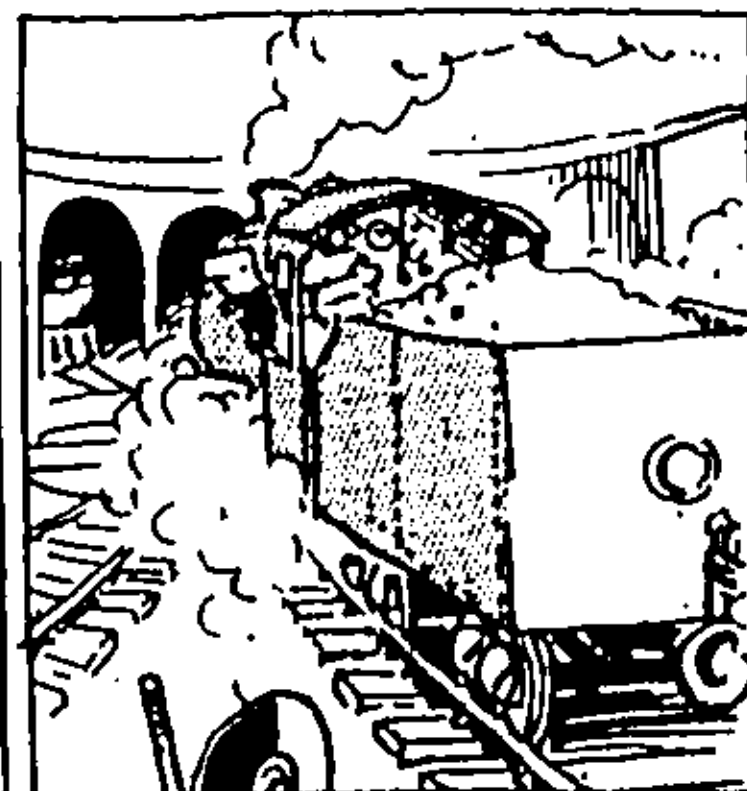
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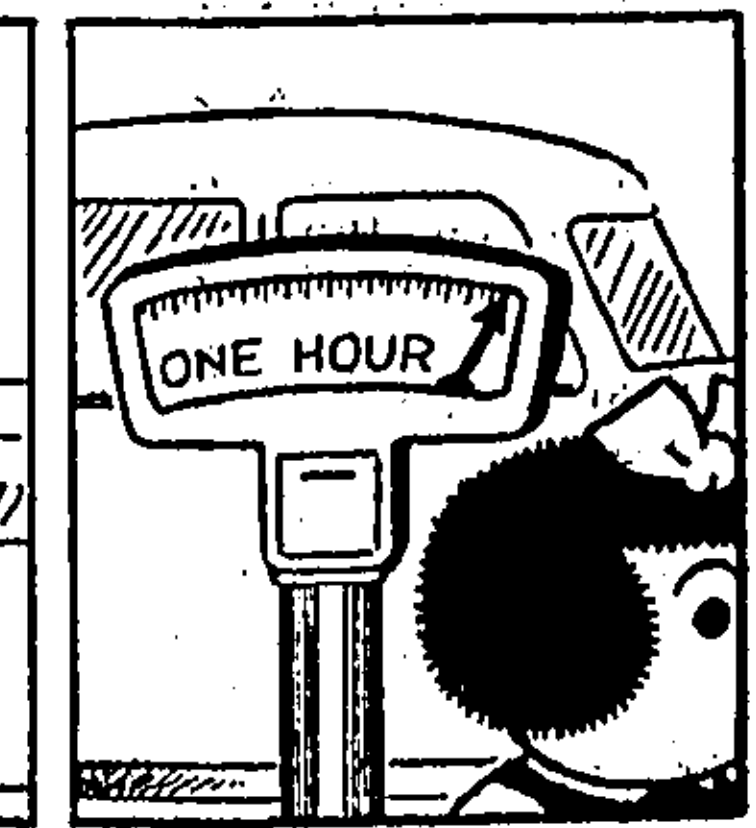
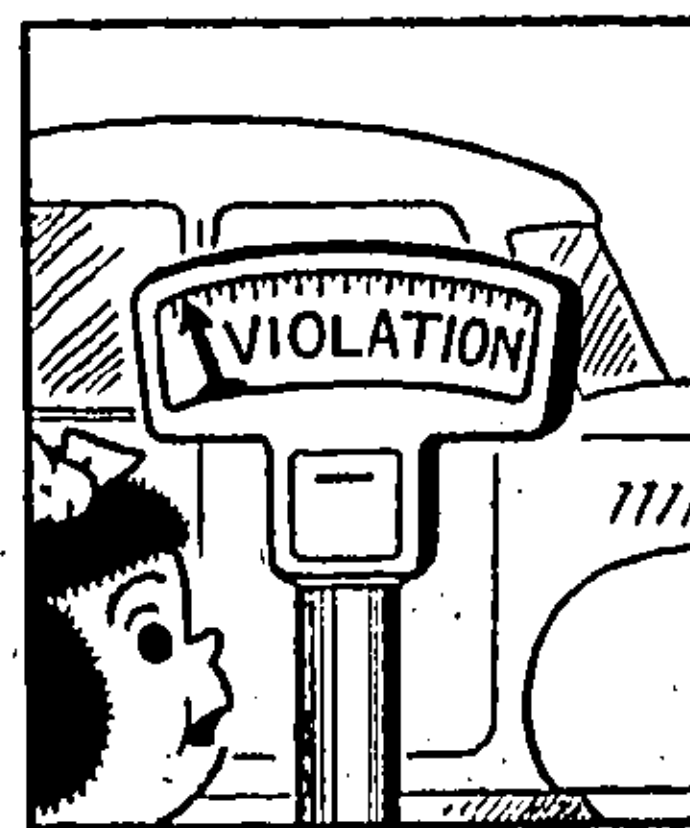
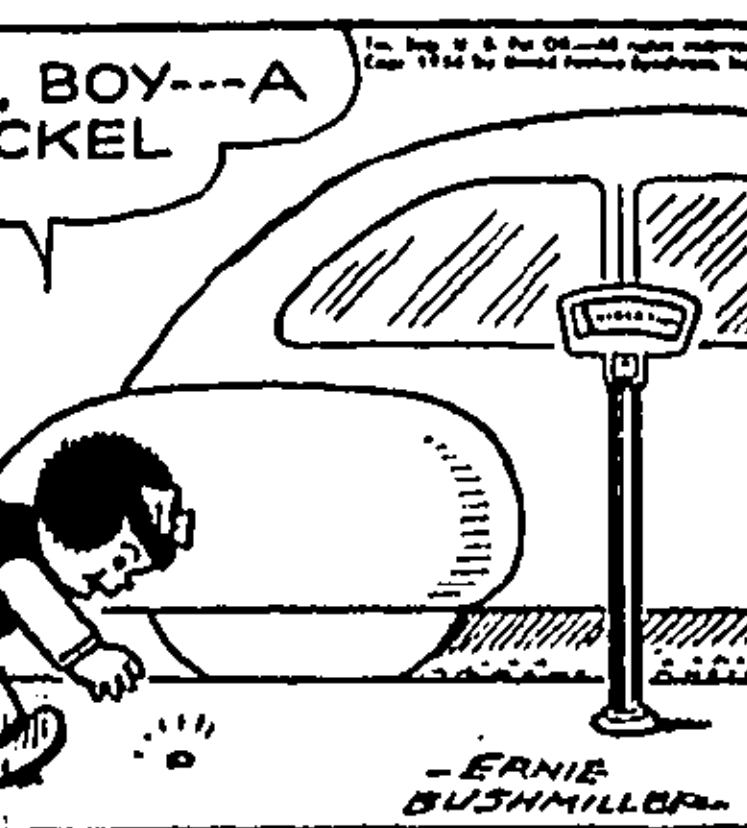
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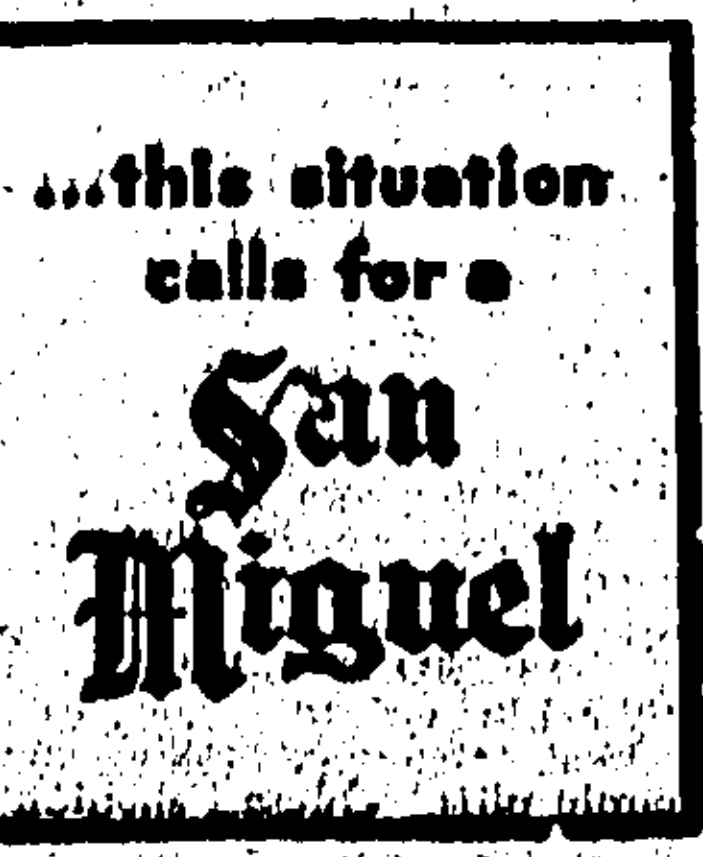
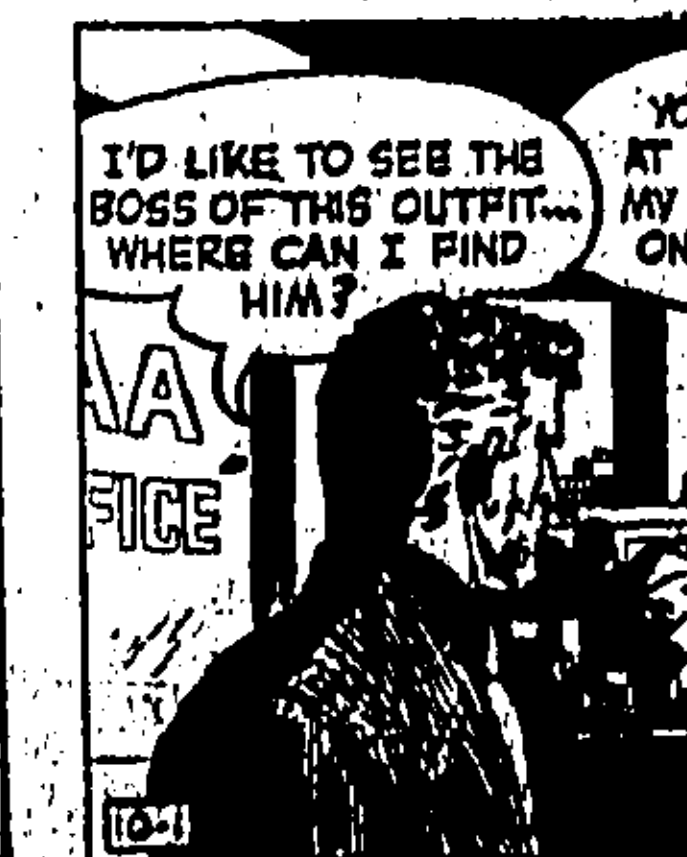
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